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PETER PARKER HAS THE PROPORTIONAL SPEED, STRENGTH, AND AGILITY OF A SPIDER, ADHESIVE FINGERTIPS AND TOES, AND THE UNIQUE PRECOGNITIVE AWARENESS OF DANGER CALLED "SPIDER-SENSE"! AFTER THE TRAGIC DEATH OF HIS UNCLE BEN, PETER PARKER UNDERSTOOD THAT WITH GREAT POWER THERE MUST ALSO COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. HE BECAME THE CRIMEFIGHTING SUPER HERO CALLED...

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Peter and his girlfriend Mary Jane Watson were transported to an alternate universe by the mad mathematician BENJAMIN RABIN, A.K.A. THE EMISSARY! As Rabin was about to transcend to godhood using Spider-Man's totem energy, MJ made the hard choice to save Peter instead of herself, sending him back to their own dimension on a one-way trip, leaving her and a mysterious man named PAUL stranded. Back in his home dimension, Peter's trip caused a nearly nuclear explosion, and Peter learned that while a week had passed in the dimension Rabin had trapped them in, not even a day had passed at home.

Knowing time was not on his side, Peter attempted to get the FANTASTIC FOUR's help, but when they attempted to hold him for details about his explosive situation, Peter went on the run. CAPTAIN AMERICA was the next hero to try and get Spider-Man to slow down and explain himself, which ended with Spidey assaulting and escaping from Cap. Realizing none of his usual allies would be able to help him fast enough, Peter turned to someone whose morals tend to be looser...NORMAN OSBORN.

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One Year Ago.

Well Past Midnight.

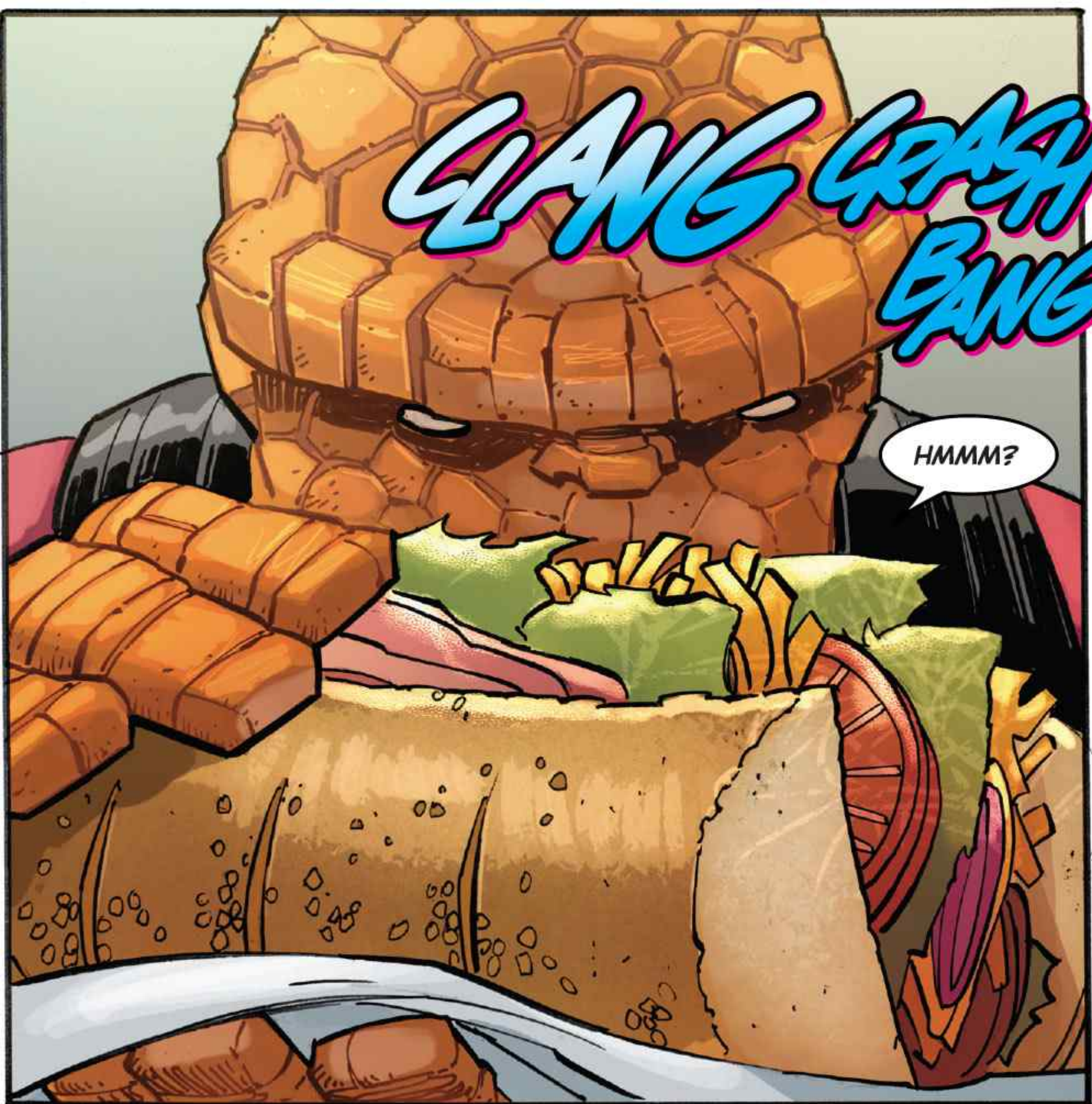
I'M NOT GETTING A SNACK, ALICIA!

I HEARD A NOISE COMING FROM THE LAB!

I'M GONNA CHECK IT OUT...

...RIGHT AFTER A QUICK SNACK.

BEN GRIMM, YOU'RE A GENIUS.





I WAS
JUST
LOOKING
AT IT.

**WHAT THE
CRUD?!**



REED!
HE'S
STEALING
THA...
...THA...



MINI FUSION REACTOR.

SHADDUP!

CRASH

I KNEW THAT!

PETER?

A-ARE YOU STEALING THAT? WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST ASK?

CAN I HAVE THIS MINI FUSION REACTOR?

IT'S DANGEROUS. I CAN'T JUST--

EXACTLY!

THMP

GAAH!

COMPUTER, RESTRAIN INTRUDER.

RESTRAIN SPIDER-MAN!

NO INTRUDER FOUND.

I'M SORRY. SPIDER-MAN IS ON THE SAFE LIST.

OH CRAP...

WHAT IS THIS STUFF?

DAMMIT, COMPUTER...



...BUT
I'VE HAD
ENOUGH
OF IT!

FWOOOSH!

JOHNNY!
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?!

JUST
GIVING HIM
A LITTLE
SCARE.

I
THINK.

SPIDEY?

HE
ESCAPED,
RIGHT? I
DIDN'T--

OH
GOD.

I
THINK YOU
TORCHED
HIM.

IS THERE A
SMOLDERING
CORPSE?

THEN HE
CLEARLY
ESCAPED!

JOHNNY--

I'M ON
IT!



JOHNNY CAN COVER MORE GROUND THAN ME, BUT LOSING HIM WASN'T HARD.

HE CAN'T TURN DOWN HIS FLAME. HE HAS TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHERE HE GOES.



I DON'T. I CAN GO ANYWHERE.

EVEN NEW JERSEY.



IT'S THE ONLY PLACE NORMAN COULD FIND A SUITABLE WORKSPACE.

AWAY FROM NYC.

AWAY FROM PRYING EYES.



WE DON'T WANT TO ATTRACT ATTENTION.

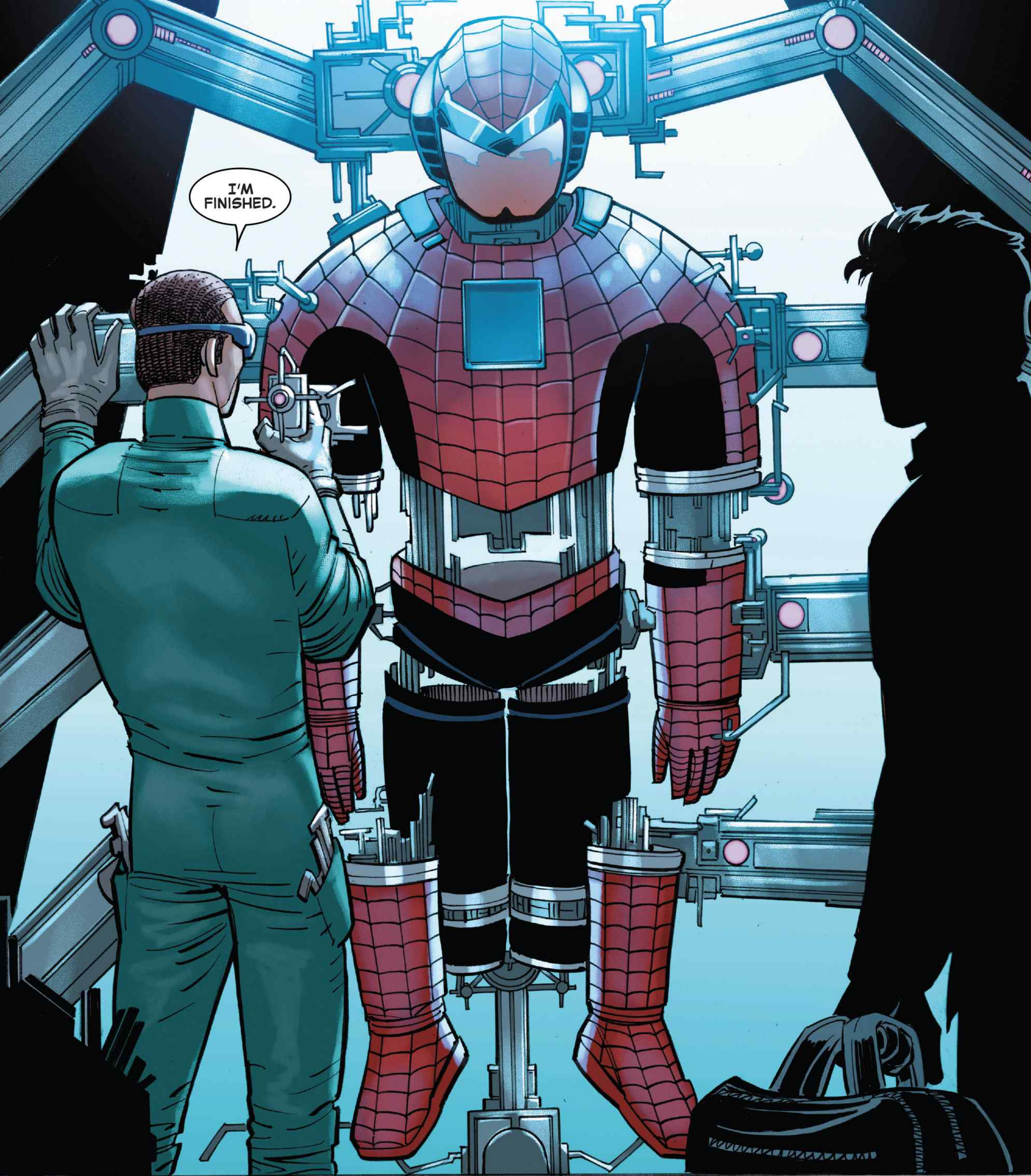


DID YOU GET IT?

I TOLD YOU I WOULD, DIDN'T I?



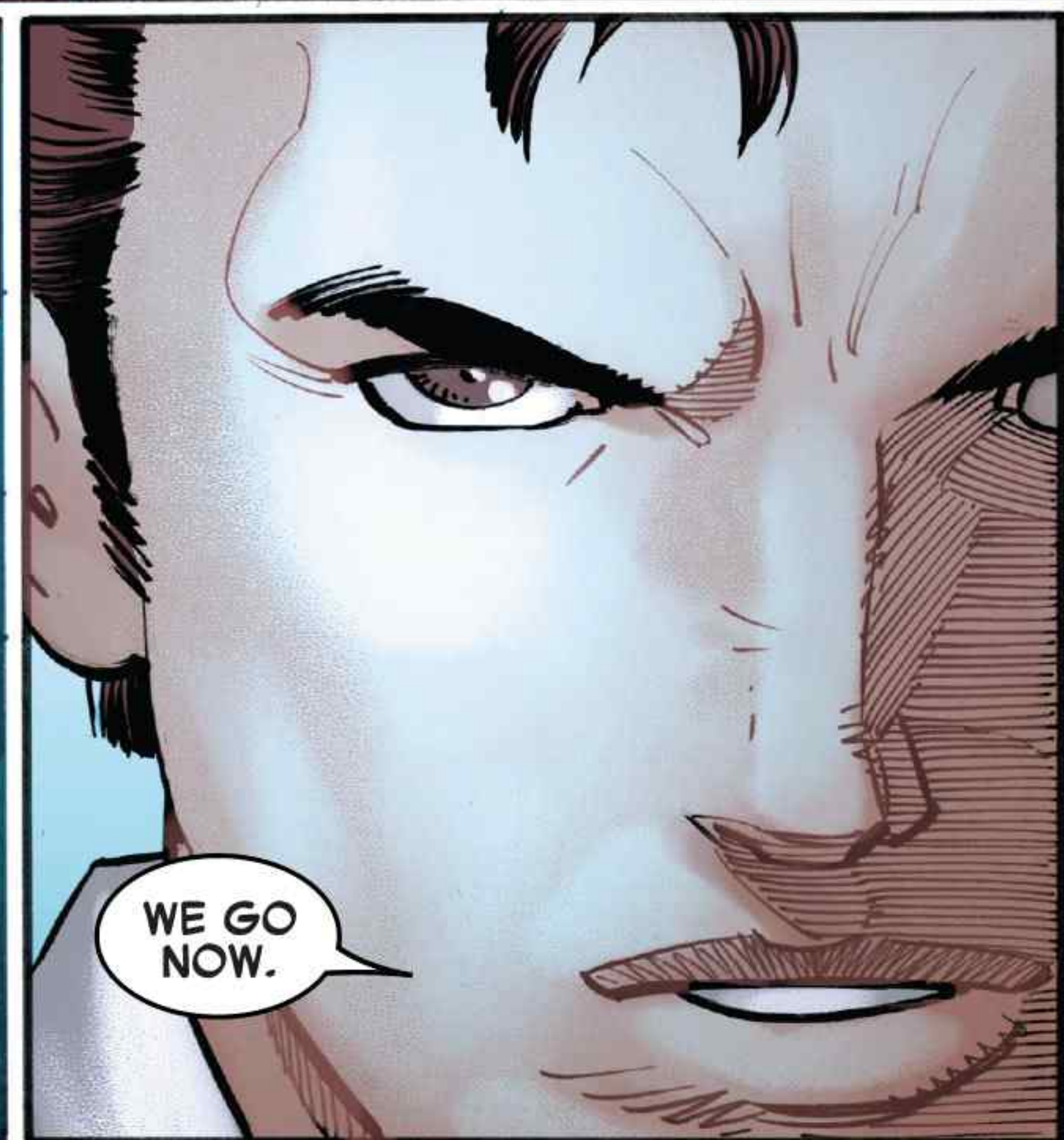
GOOD TIMING.



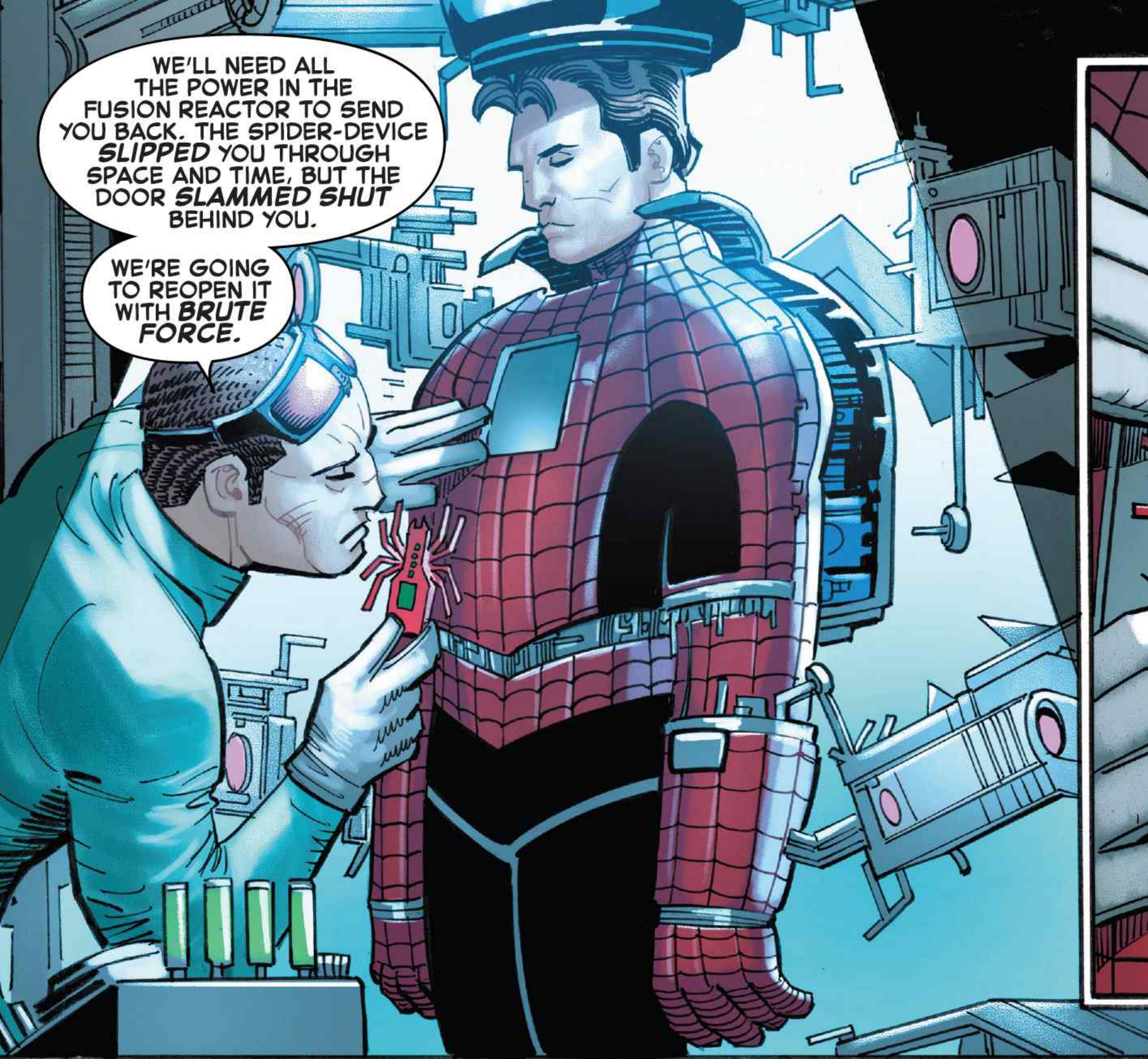
I'M
FINISHED.



THE QUANTUM CABLES YOU...
BORROWED FROM STARK NEEDED
AGGRESSIVE MODIFICATION TO FIT
THE PLANK-DRIVE FELICIA PROCURED
FROM...MOON GIRL, WAS IT? BUT
I CAN START TEST RUNS NOW,
AND HOPEFULLY, IN A
COUPLE OF DAYS--

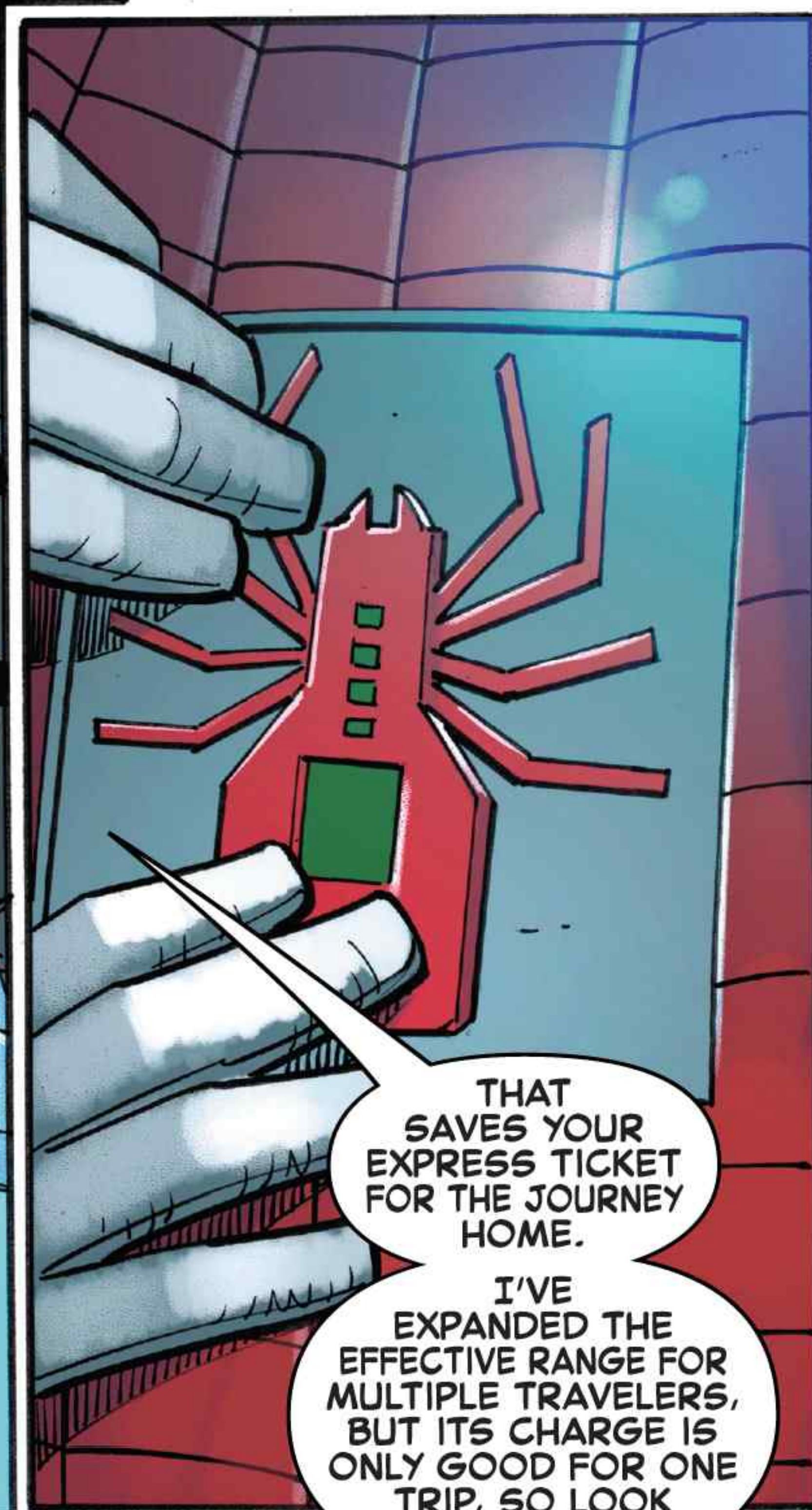


WE GO
NOW.



WE'LL NEED ALL THE POWER IN THE FUSION REACTOR TO SEND YOU BACK. THE SPIDER-DEVICE **SLIPPED** YOU THROUGH SPACE AND TIME, BUT THE DOOR **SLAMMED SHUT** BEHIND YOU.

WE'RE GOING TO REOPEN IT WITH **BRUTE FORCE**.



THAT SAVES YOUR EXPRESS TICKET FOR THE JOURNEY HOME.

I'VE EXPANDED THE EFFECTIVE RANGE FOR MULTIPLE TRAVELERS, BUT ITS CHARGE IS ONLY GOOD FOR ONE TRIP, SO LOOK AFTER IT.



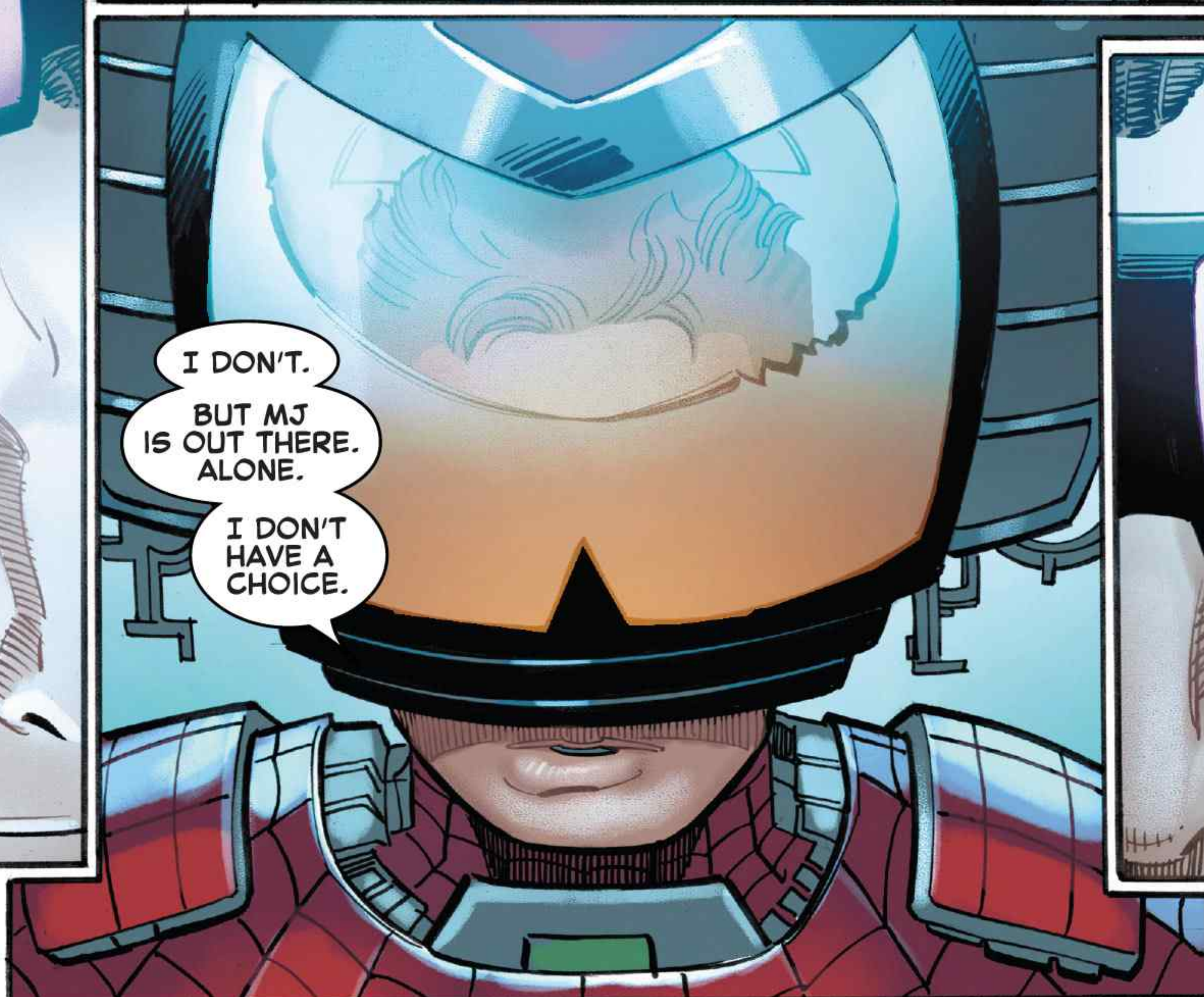
I WANT YOU TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE RISKS, PETER. NEITHER OF US HAVE SLEPT IN DAYS. I HAVEN'T CHECKED MY WORK...

I UNDERSTAND. LET'S GO.



ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU FOR TRUSTING ME WITH THIS.



I DON'T. BUT MJ IS OUT THERE. ALONE.

I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.



UNDERSTOOD. PREPARE FOR IGNITION.



rattle
rattle rattle

WHAT
ARE THESE
GUYS UP
TO?



Hnnnngh...

IT'S
SHAKING
ITSELF APART!
I HAVE TO
SHUT IT
DOWN--



NO!

HIT IT,
NORMAN!

NOW!



DAMMIT.

TEN



GYYARR--



SSSSHHHHHZZARRRRKKK

OH MY GOD!



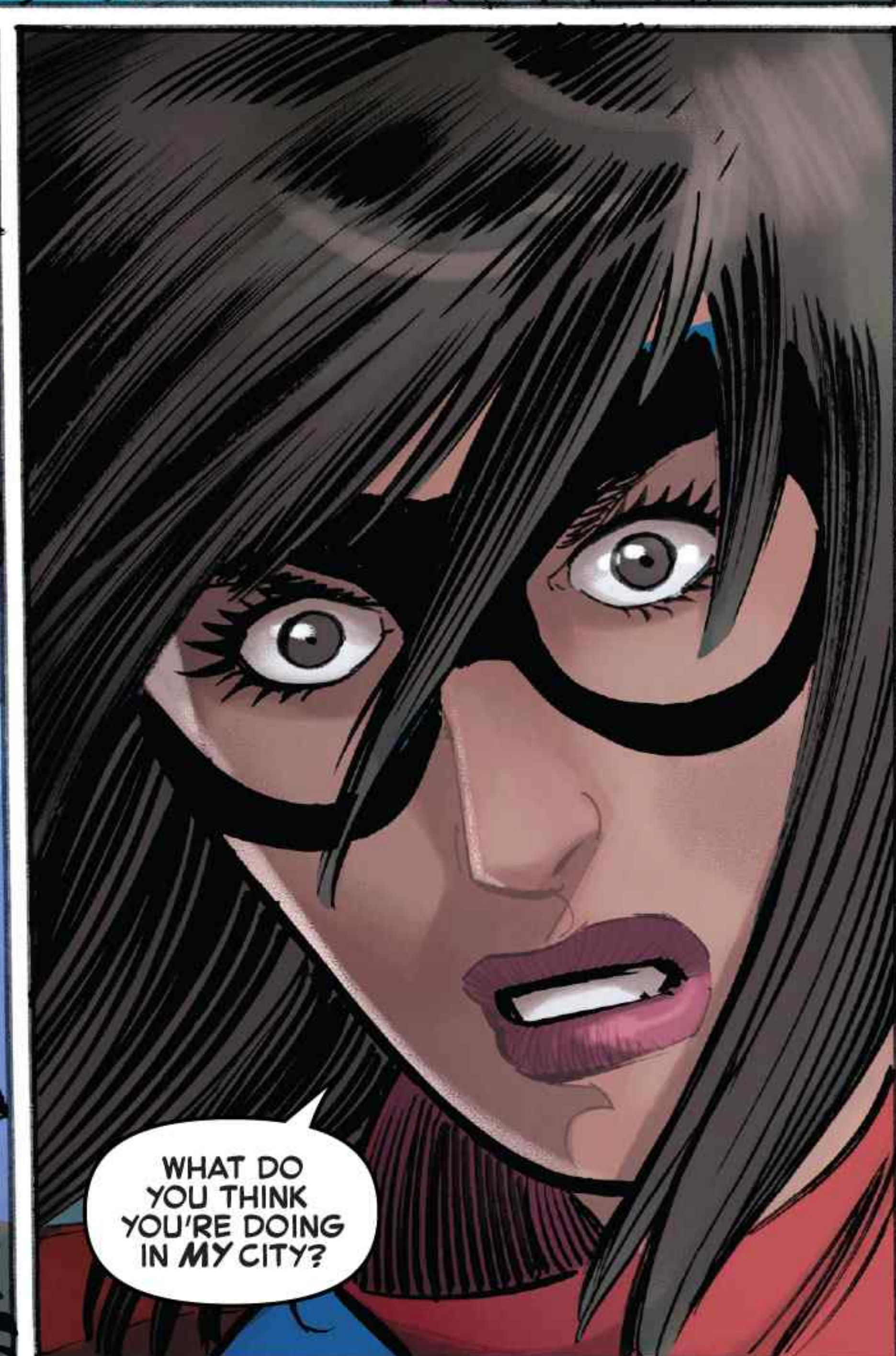
PETER...



IS THAT...

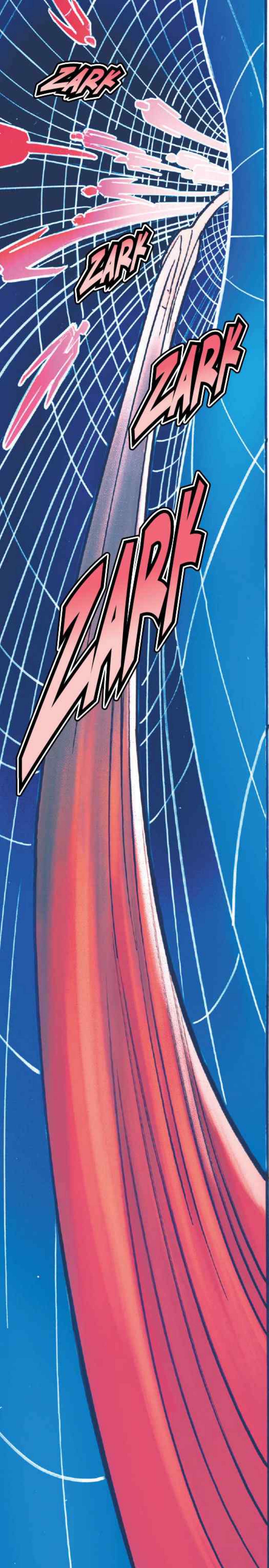


...NORMAN OSBORN?!



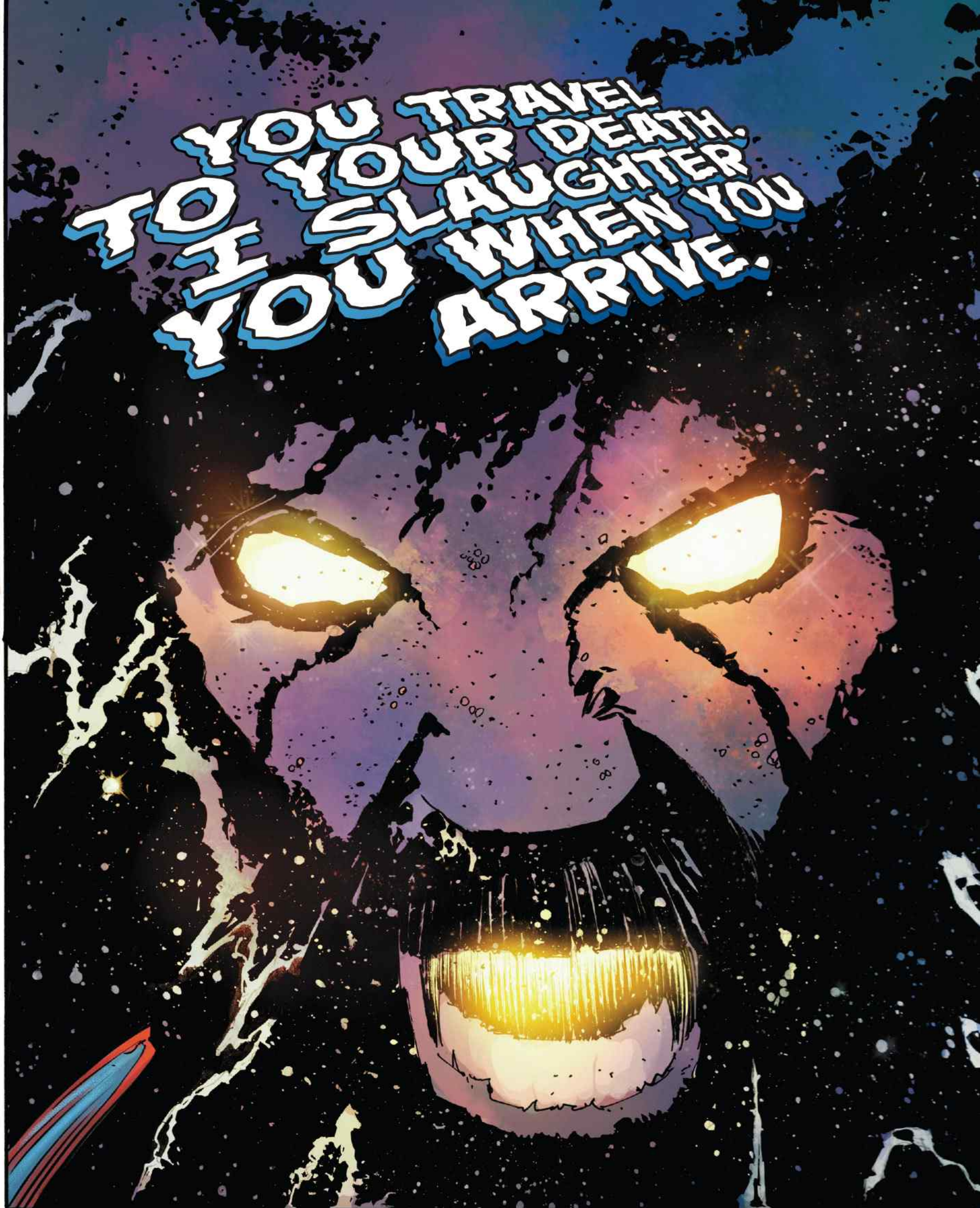
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING IN MY CITY?







RABIN?



**YOU TRAVEL
TO YOUR DEATH.
I SLAUGHTER
YOU WHEN YOU
ARRIVE.**



NO!



I AGREE.

**MY CEREMONY WAS FLAWED.
PERFORMED IN THE WRONG
ORDER. I'VE GAINED THE MIND
OF A GOD BUT NOT THE BODY.**



**TO BECOME THE GOD
OF DEATH, IT IS I WHO MUST D--**

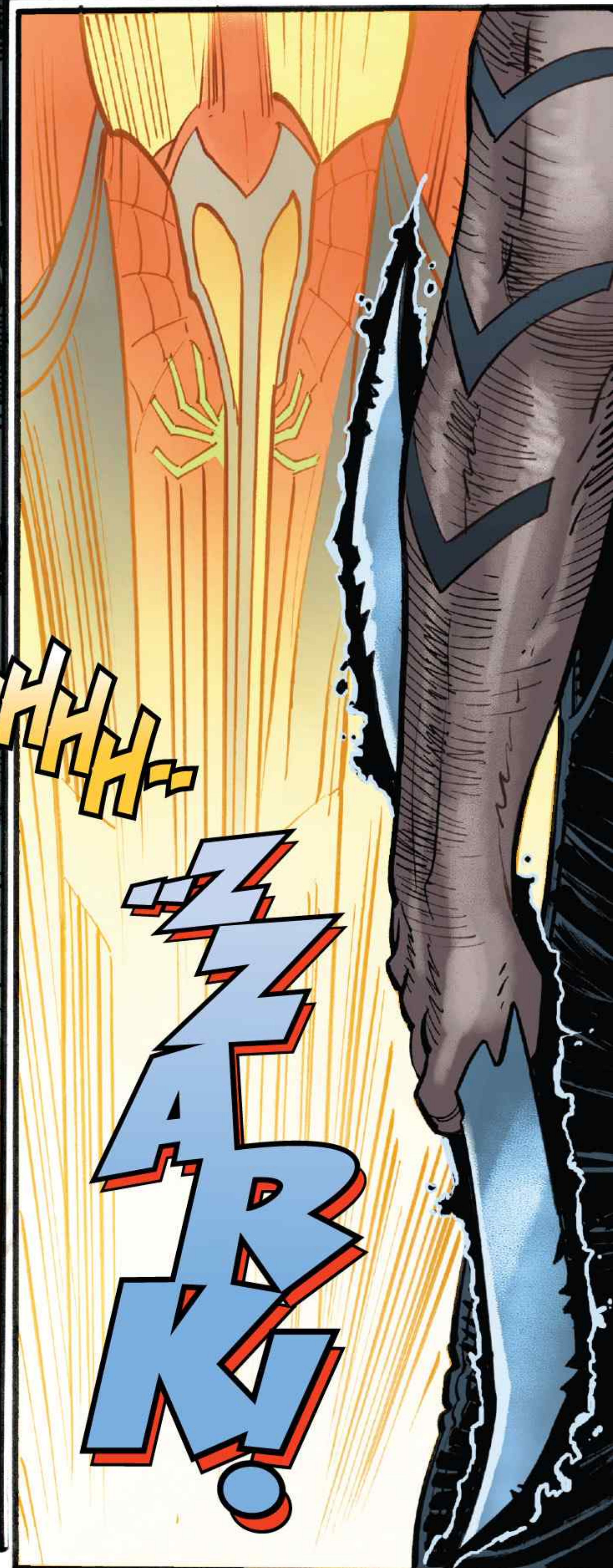


...WILL
PLUNGE THE
BLADE OF DECAY
INTO YOUR
HEART.

AND I
WILL BECOME
WAYEP.

TRY IT,
MOTHER--

SS
HHHHH--



ZZ
ARK!



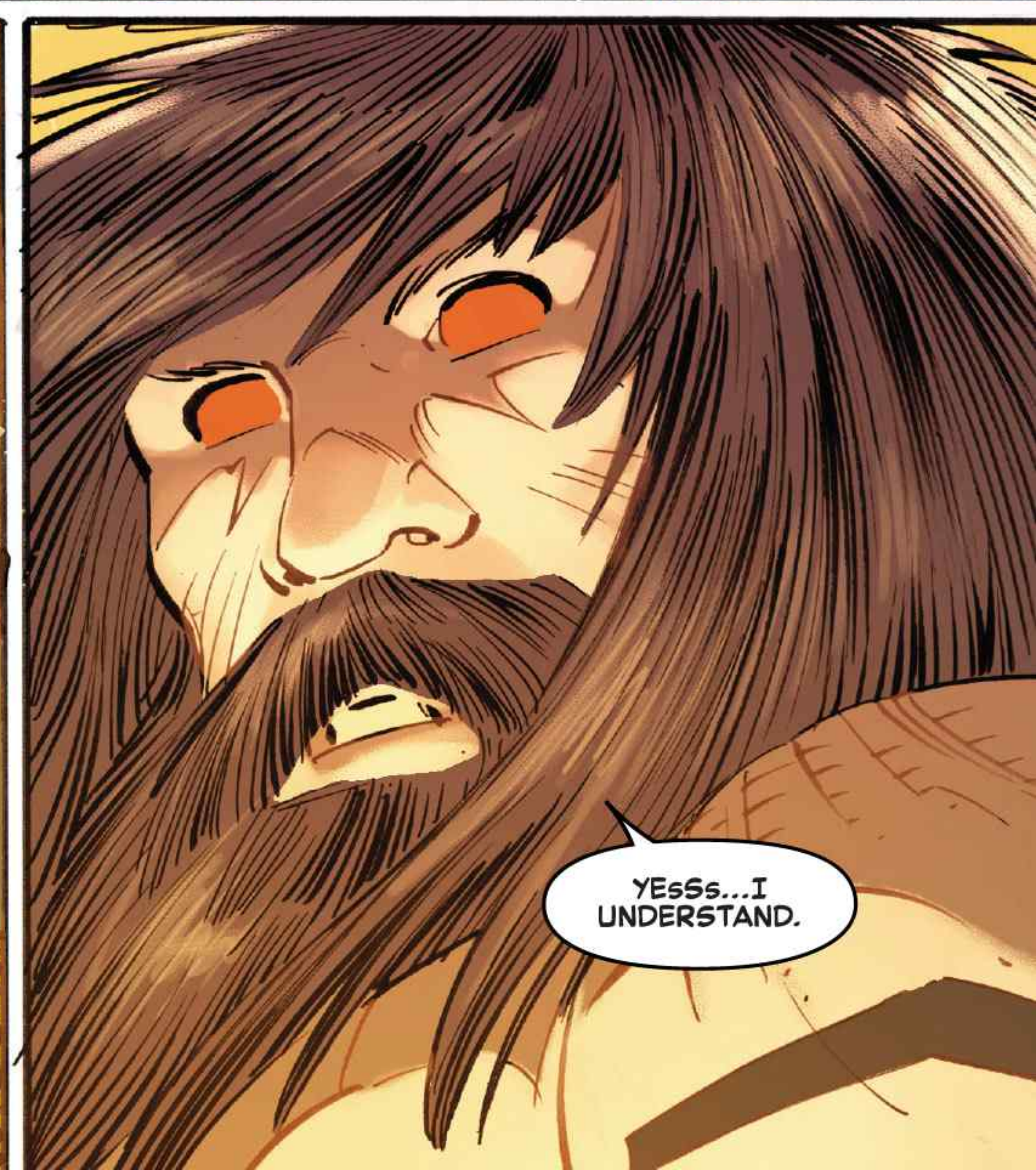
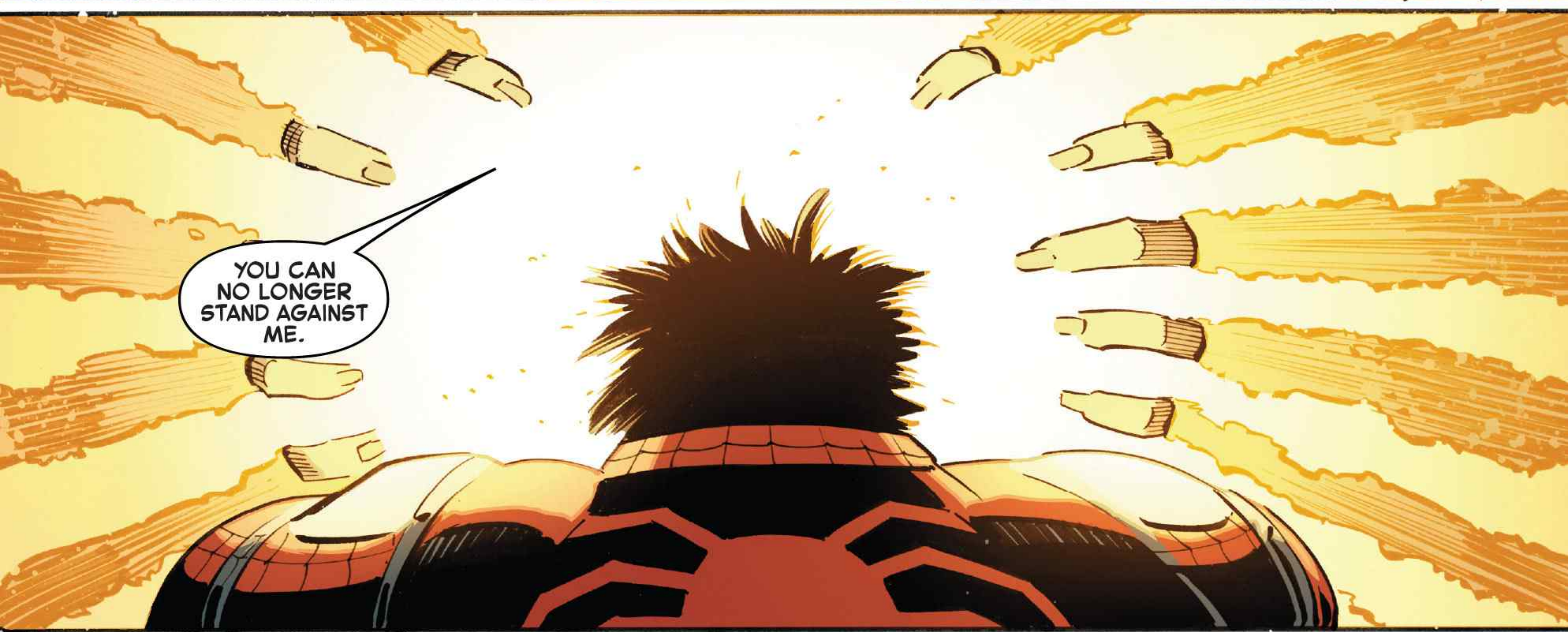
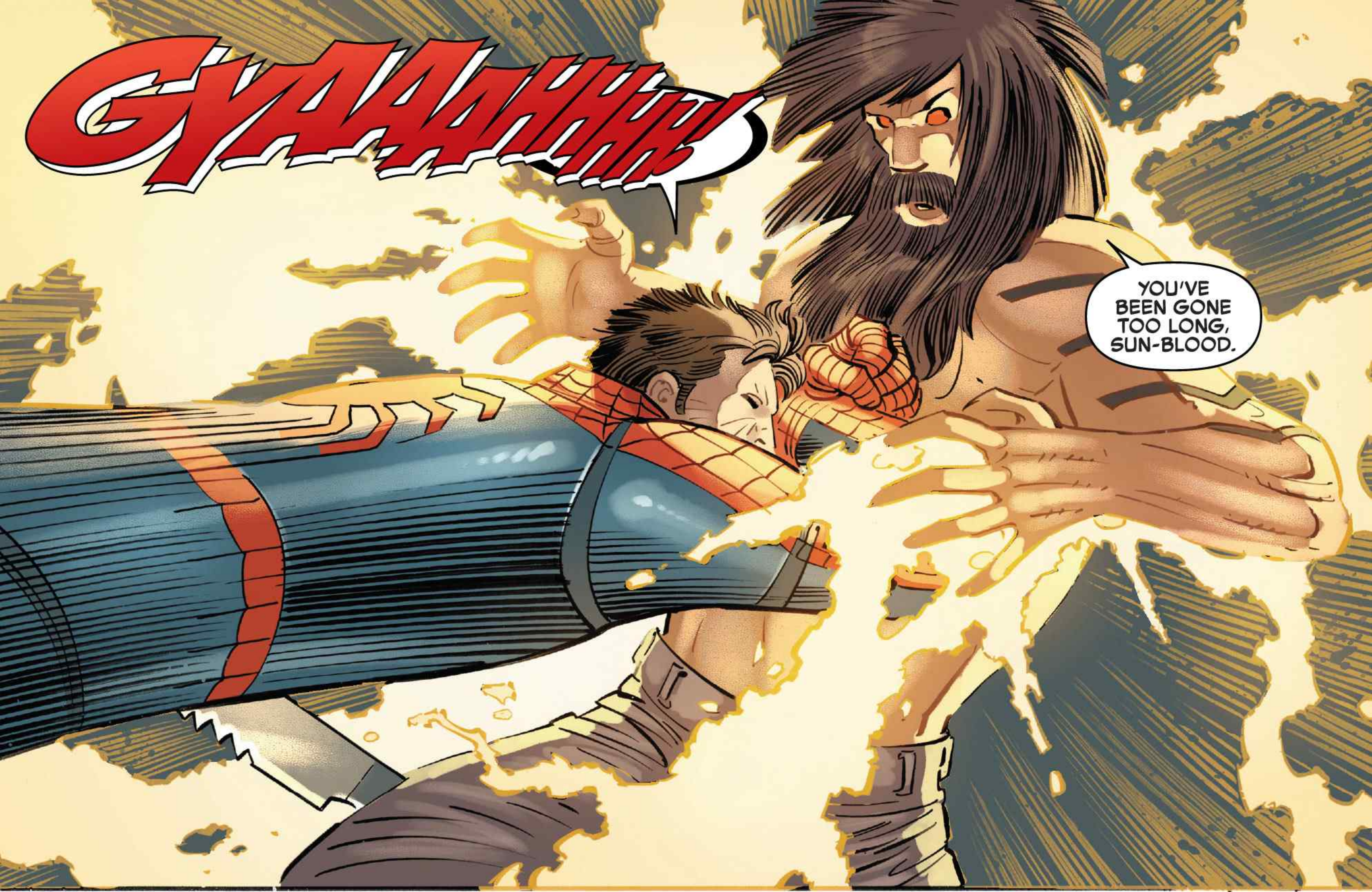
SUN-
BLOOD.



PETER?

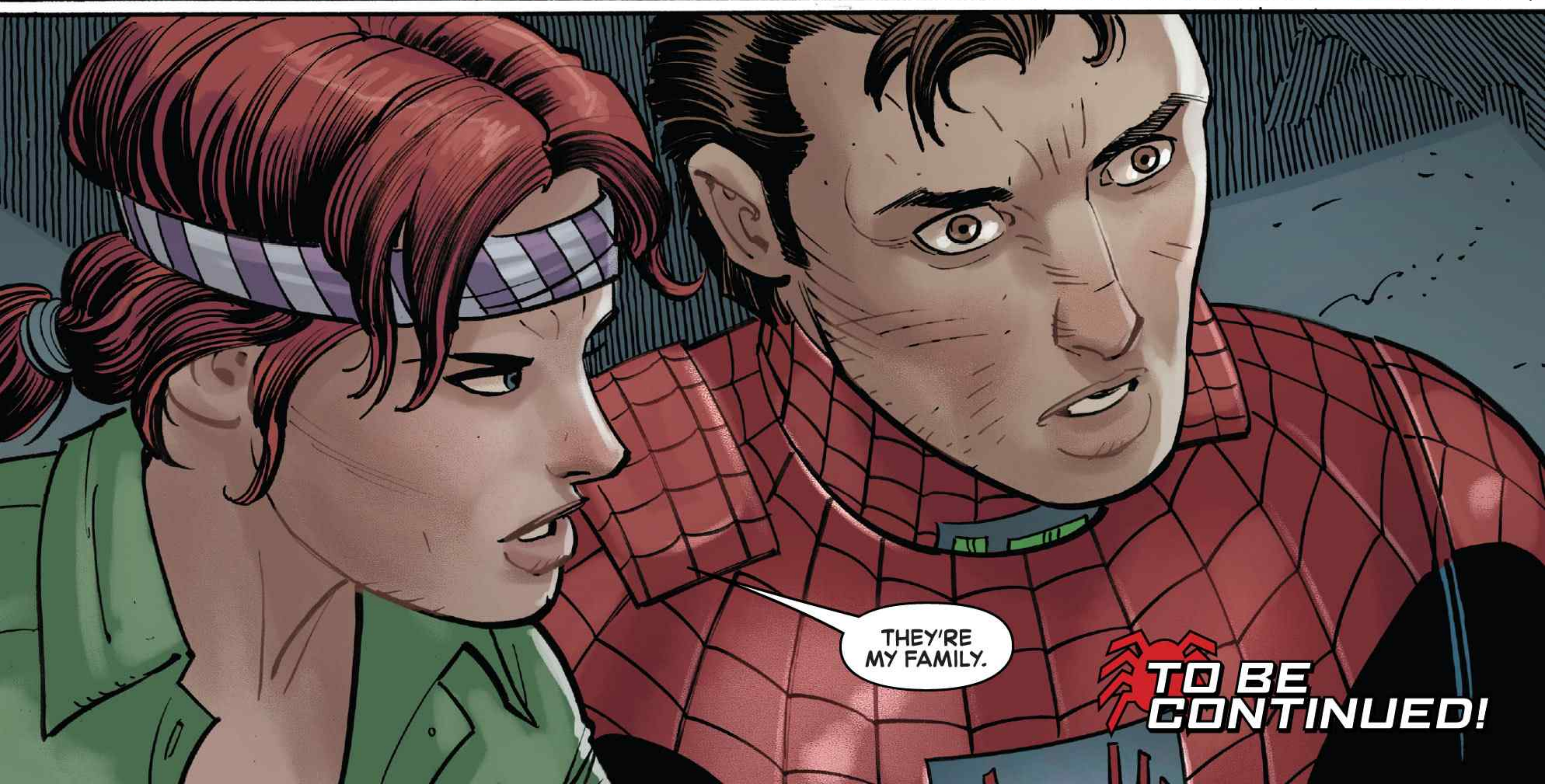


GET
AWAY FROM
HER!









**TO BE
CONTINUED!**

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OH, WEB-HEADS! Doesn't your heart just break for Peter?!?! Running short on time this week, so let's just JUMP RIGHT IN!

Dear Spidey-Office,

I am really pleased that Joe Kelly is returning to write ASM (he is my favorite comic writer). I also have a few questions now that Dark Web is over:

1. How is Peter feeling in the aftermath of Dark Web?
2. As Peter and MJ are best friends, will they be able to repair their relationship down the road?
3. Will Ed McGuinness draw any more issues alongside John Romita Jr.?

Yours sincerely,
Emeka Uzoh

Thanks for writing in, Emeka! Joe is AWESOME, right? To answer your questions: 1) Peter is feeling TIRED and BEATEN UP in the aftermath of Dark Web, hence Felicia whisking him away! 2) I don't know if Peter and MJ will be able to repair their relationship. They have sure been through a lot! 3) Ed McGuinness is already hard at work on ASM #27, kicking off an incredible arc!!! You are all in for a treat!

What can I say--Dark Web was a fantastic, stunning, amazing, fun ride! I loved seeing Maddie finally getting some long-deserved justice and recognition from Scott and Jean. I would eventually also like to see the same for Ben Reilly... Yes, I am a Ben fan. I want to see Ben happy, dammit!

I also like everything else going on with Dan Slott's epic new Spider-Verse story in SPIDER-MAN and DeMatteis' THE LOST HUNT! I have been a long time Spidey reader since 1986...and I must say...you guys are currently knocking it out of the park with every new story arc! I can't wait to see what caused the split between Peter and MJ...but I am sure it will be mind-blowing!

Keep up ALL of the great work!!!

Your friend in sticky webs,
Timothy Borgman
Battle Creek, Michigan

Thanks for the kind words, Timothy! We're super-spider proud of the books in our Spider-Stable these days too. I can't promise Ben happiness any more than I can promise Peter happiness, but I can promise we have a bunch of new stories coming for both that we're working to make amazing.

Hello, Spidey-Office!

We live a few blocks away from the Seroogy's in De Pere and wanted to see how Al was holding up after you sent him back home. Sadly, his shift hasn't started yet, so we'll have to check back another time. Thanks for a great story run, and we appreciate all that you do!

Mike & Josie from De Pere, WI

PS: I'm super curious how you chose De Pere and Seroogy's for Al's backstory. I'll send sweets for answers.

Mike and Josie, please do keep checking in for Albert. I'm worried about that wayward clone! I'm not sure why Albert chose De Pere, but I assume it's because my wife's extended family lives in and around De Pere, and they're all amazing people. If you see an Evans or a Rader around there, tell them you're a Spidey fan!

Dear Spidey-Office,

I just wanted to take the time to write and humbly boast about my recent achievement of having finally caught up with the life of Peter Parker in real time. From AMAZING FANTASY #15 to the most recent ASM #913 (and all the Spectaculars, Webs, and Superiors in between), I have followed Peter's journey page to page. And while it was a multiyear journey for me that necessitated staying as spoiler-free as possible while new issues continued rolling out, it was a lifetime for the Web-Head himself. Love and loss, brutal beatings, clones, mindswaps, LMDs, Multiverses, more clones, and a marriage I can't seem to remember...all a complex tapestry that has been Marvelously woven these sixty years.

So while I am mostly congratulating myself, I wanted to thank you all for providing these stories that will likely continue well beyond my time on this rock. I owe a lot to Marvel Unlimited and those who produced incredibly detailed chronological reading lists, but the true thanks goes out to every writer, artist, penciler, letterer, and editor who has helped record the rich history of Peter Parker. It dawned on me somewhere along the path that tales like the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN are the modern-day *Iliad* and *Odyssey*. Here's to hoping that the scholars of far-distant futures agree with me.

As an aside, I am starting to believe that the reality of our known universe teeters on a certain marriage that obviously never existed/never re-existing. If Peter and that groovy redhead were to ever reunite, I think that's when our reality collapses. So please...DO NOT reunite them. I think we ALL AGREE it is TOO DANGEROUS to see them back together.

Thwip-Thwip,

Nicholas Lipinski
Lebanon, NH

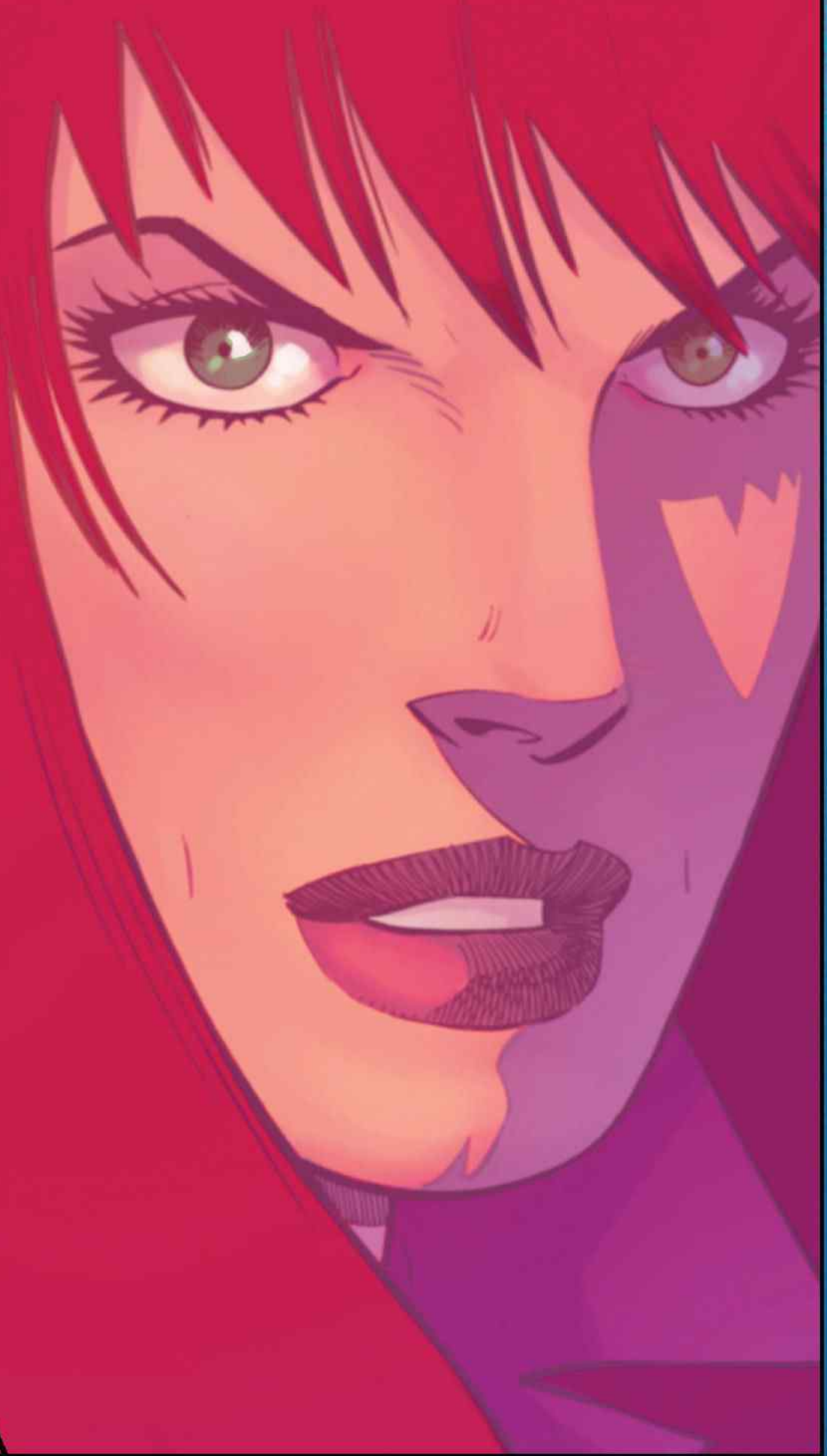
WOW, Nicholas, that is INSPIRING!!! We are super impressed over here in the Spider-Office. I hadn't thought about the true cataclysmic consequences of our comic choices!

I'm out of time for this one. NEXT ISSUE IS A BIGGIE! Not only do Zeb and Johnny have an incredible tale, we get MJ's side of this story with Zeb and Kaare Andrews and a bonus Peter/Felicia story by Rainbow Rowell and Álvaro López!!! It's a doozy, and it sets up the even DOOZIER AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #26!!! Each of these comes out not every two weeks, but every THREE weeks as we take advantage of the fact that there are five weeks in May to give these creators as much time to make them MASTERPIECES!!!

KEEP THWIPPIN'!

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